

# **CALIFORNIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Advanced Practice Application for use of Physical Agent Modalities

Section Affected: Title 16, Division 39, California Code of Regulations, Section 4155.

### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATIONS:**

Existing law, Business and Professions Code Division 2, Healing Arts, Chapter 5.6, Sections 2570 et. seq. delineates the requirements for the licensing and regulation of occupational therapy practice in the State of California. Section 2570.3(d) allows an occupational therapist to provide advanced practice services if the therapist has the knowledge, skill, and ability to do so and has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she has met the educational training and competency requirements.

The proposed regulatory action is intended to amend, establish, and clarify, California Code of Regulations Section 4155 in regard to the application that must be submitted for occupational therapists seeking approval to provide advanced practice services in physical agent modalities.

### **FACTUAL BASIS/NECESSITY:**

Section 4155(a)(2) requires an occupational therapist who wishes to seek Board approval to use physical agent modalities in their practice to submit an application to the Board. Recent regulatory amendments no longer require the submission of a statement of learning as part of the application. The Board has revised the application eliminating the statement of learning component to be consistent with current regulations. The proposed regulatory change would establish that a new revised application (Form APP, Rev 07/11) which is incorporated by reference would be required to be submitted for therapists seeking Board approval to use physical agent modalities.

### **UNDERLYING DATA:**

None

### **BUSINESS IMPACT:**

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on business.

### **SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT:**

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES:**

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulations.

